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Huh? I am "Accuan"?!
IN THE YEAR 0041, "AKB48" HAD
CHANGED THEIR NAME TO "AKB0048".
TO PROTECT THE AFFINITY OF THE FIRST GENERATION, THEY
DECIDED TO CHOOSE A SUCCESOR.
A TOTAL SCREW UP RESEARCH STUDENT OF AKB ACADEMY~
HOSHINO FUREA,
HAD AUDITIONED, BUT COMPLETELY FAILED.
AND YET, WHY DOES HOSHINO FUREA BECOME SUCCESOR
OF THE LEGENDARY CENTER OF "MAEDA ATSUKO"?!

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TUNE 1 YOUNG LADIES

AKB48
NATIONAL CELEBRITIES. THEY ARE
CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE THEIR FAME?
CHOSEN BY OVER 1 MILLION VOTERS,
Hmm
I THINK PERHAPS KOJIHARU!
BOSS. WHICH ONE IS YOUR FAVORITE?
ACCHAN IS SO CUUUUTE!
LOOKS LIKE THEIR NEW SONG SOLD ANOTHER MILLION!
WOW

IN THE FUTURE
THINGS HAVE CHANGED ...
SO, EVEN-TU-ALLY
SPACE TRAVEL BECAME POSSI-BLE.
AKB WAS THE FIRST BAND TO HAVE A LIVE SHOW IN SPACE.
Room 68
AH...
CAN SOME-ONE TELL ME WHAT THEIR OPENING SONG WAS?
I KNOW THIS!
TA-TAN!

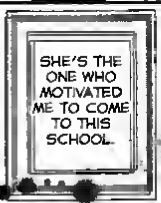
BA-!!
HERE I GO!
YES,
IT'S "I WANTED TO EAT YOU!"
IF I CAN GET THIS,
DOES ANYONE KNOW?
I'LL BE MORE POPULAR!
"I WANTED TO MEET YOU."
IT'S "I WANTED TO MEET YOU."
MU!
DU-DUHHHH
I MESSED UP!
AH.
THAT'S NOT EVEN A SONG.

AHHH, THAT GIRL!
THANKS TO THAT GIRL AGAIN, WE'RE GETTING MORE POINTS!
"THAT GIRL", "YOU THERE"...
AHAHA!
WAH!
BUT EVERYONE HAD A GOOD REACTION, SO I'LL REWARD YOU ALL WITH SOME CREDIT.
EXCEPT YOU THERE OF COURSE.
YAAAY!
STAB
MY NAME IS HOSHINA FUREA!
NOBODY KNOWS ME.
EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN HERE FOR A YEAR...
I'LL NEVER BE AN IDOL
THAT'S NOT TRUE!

Furea, you have to have more confidence!
N...
NOA...
SO... SO BRIGHT!
sparkle

NOA!
gets up
YES!
MISS HOUJOU! PLEASE DEMONSTRATE
FOR THIS TURN YOU WILL BE SPINNING STRAIGHT ON YOUR AXIS.

Lesson Room A
B004


SHE'S THE ONE WHO MOTIVATED ME TO COME TO THIS SCHOOL.

NOA'S BEEN MY FRIEND SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

Will you audition with me?

NOA'S AT THE TOP OF OUR CLASS.
PRET-TY
NOA'S SO GOOD!
I ON THE OTHER HAND!!
HOW LONG WILL I SURVIVE HERE...
SIGH...oo
SFX: WAFT
break time
GEEZ!
Again with that attitude!
You're here to be selected aren't you?!
HEY!
HM?
THAT HURTS NOA!
O-OW!

THE PEOPLE SELECTED FOR AKB?!
SE...
SELECTED...
THE SELECTED MEMBERS ARE PRACTICING IN THE AUDITORIUM!
SFX- CHATTER
IT'S BEEN AWHILE, I MISSED THEIR LIVE SPACE TOUR!
I WONDER IF THERE'S A RECORDING?
AKB!!!
SFX- BA-DUMP
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THEM LIVE ON STAGE...!

48
!!

WHAT IS THAT...
IT'S SHINING...
BEAUTIFUL.
FLOAT
SO THIS IS...
A GALACTIC STAR ...

AKB0048
8TH GENERATION
OSHIMA YUUKO
5TH GENERATION
TAKAHASHI MINAMI
3RD GENERATION
WATANABE MAYU
10TH GENERATION
ITANO TOMOMI
7TH GENERATION
SHINODA MARIKO
YEAR
AD 0041

THEY BEGAN A SYSTEM OF "SUCCESSION."
AND IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE ORIGINAL 48'S VISION,
"AKB48" CHANGED THEIR NAME TO "AKB0048."
TO TAKE THEIR PLACE AND CHANGE THEIR [illegible]...
BUT THE SAME RADIENT SOUL AND PERFORMING STYLE AS THEIR PREDECESOR.
THOSE NEW MEMBERS WHO ARE JUDGED TO HAVE NOT JUST THE APPEARANCE,
IS 0048'S PERFORMANCE CENTER.
IN IT'S CENTER
IS THE PLANET AKIBA STAR.
AND THIS PLACE

WE ARE TRAINED IN THIS SCHOOL,
AKB ACADEMY
Cafeteria
WUH?!
We gotta get selected soon too!
shush
THE SELECTED WERE AMAZING...
YEAH!

I can't even say I really want to...
IT'S SO FAR AWAY!
ACCHAN'S SPOT IS OPEN RIGHT NOW...
SELECTED CLASS
Then up again.
A
K
B
First succession.
SUCCESSION CLASS
STUDENTS
Eureca is here now!
GET SELECTED... UH...
I KNOW IT'LL BE HARD,
BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED
THAT SOMEDAY I WILL BECOME ACCHAN.
NOA...
ACCHAN...
THE CENTER OF THE LEGEND

I'D LOVE TO BE HER, BUT...
I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF HER.
AND HER PRESENCE IS ALWAYS THERE....
NOA CAN BE HER.
Are you ok?
pant
pant
GUH... I'M SO BAD AT DANC-ING...
COME IN.
YES, MA'AM!
OK, GATHER ROUND!
TWEET
STEP--
Rhythm Room
clap
clap
S-SOR-RY!
1, 2, 3,
YOU THERE, YOU'RE OFF TIME!

IF THE CHAIRMAN'S HERE,
CHAIRMAN TOMISAKI!
THEN SOMETHING REALLY MUST BE ABOUT TO HAPPEN...!
babump
babump
IN TWO WEEKS
THE SUCCESSION AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD.

SUCCESSION AUDITION!
THE EXAM SONG WILL BE "YOUNG LADIES."
WE WILL BE ASSIGNING TEAMS NOW.
YOUR POSITION ON THE TEAM WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR CHANCES,
SO EVERYONE DO YOUR BEST!
YES SIR!
Grab
Let's do our best!
I'm so nervous!
NOA...
THIS IS OUR CHANCE, FUREA.
NOA... NOA HOUJOU!?
OH... YES.

Hch...
I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU.
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR AUDITION.
Y..
SFX- WHOA!
AWESOME, NOA!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE CHAIRMAN TALKED TO YOU!
YES!
I'LL DO MY BEST!

"WE GOTTA GET SELECTED SOON TOO!"
HEY, YOU THERE
IF YOU AREN'T DOING ANYTHING, PLEASE PUT THE AUDITION FLIERS AROUND THE SCHOOL
YES!
UM...
SFX: TH-THUMP
I'M SORRY NOA,
WE HAVE THE SAME GOAL,
HOSHINA FUREA.
throb
THANKS, HO-SHINA.

BUT I CAN'T...
HUH..?
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN HERE...
WHOA,
THERE'S TOO MANY...
!
SFX- WOBBLE
...
RUSTLE
WAIT,
WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE OLD POSTERS?!
Since when?!
COL-LECT-ED-
RIP
RIP

LOOK OUT!
...HUH...?
THAT WAS CLOSE.
PHEW..
SFX- GRAB
...

TA...TA-TA-TAKAMINA-SENPAI?!
HEEEY, ROLL THOSE UP!
WHA.
YEAH, YEAH
THESE POSTERS ARE SO OLD! WERE YOU COLLECTING THESE?!
WHA... YUUKO-SENPAI TOO!
SORRY, WE'RE ALWAYS SO BUSY, WE JUST KINDA LET THINGS GO.
OHHH, THANK YOU! WHAT A GOOD KID!
TH-THIS IS—
COME IN!
gasp
WHA
WE GOTTA THANK YOU!

SFX- BOOM
SFX- WHINE
I SHOULD-N'T BE HERE!
THE ELEVATOR ONLY TO BE USED BY THE SELECTED CLASS,
THE FOR-BIDDEN ELEVATOR!
Hardly ever used.
WE'RE HERE! THIS WAY
Um, I-I, you don't need to...
CHECK IT OUT!
IT'S A HARD WORKING UN-DERCLASS-MAN!
SFX- BAM!

THE SELECT-ED CLASS?!
TOTAL OVERLOAD!
IS THE DREAM OF EVERY STU-DENT...
THE PEAK OF THE SCHOOL...
...TH-
THIS PLACE
Hey, come in come in!

Heh~
WOOOW, IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE WORN THAT UNDERCLASSMEN UNIFORM
THIS IS TOO MUCH!
Uh, Um,
WAH!
IT'S MARIKO-SAMA FROM THE UPPER-CLASS!
toss
AH...
A MACARON FROM MAYUYU-SENPAI?!
HERE,
HAVE A MACA-RON.
munch munch
I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS, THERE'S TOO MUCH.
HEY,

TOMOCHIN-SENPAI ASKED FOR MY NAME!
UNGYAAAA!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
Furea
Ho-shine..
Ah... buh.. er... duh... eh...
TOTALLY A NAME FOR A NEW SINGER.
CUZ FUREA IS GONNA BE A MEMBER OF 0048 FER SURE!
BUT OF COURSE!
SFX: BAM!
Get up
MY BAD
TAKAMINA.. COULD YOU SHOW SOME RESTRAINT?

I...
I...
WILL NEVER SHINE LIKE ALL OF YOU, OR LIKE ANYONE AT ALL REALLY.
SEX SWISH
!
YU-YUUKO-SENPAI
SOMEBODY WHO TALKS LIKE THAT...
0048 IS NOT A PLACE FOR...ME...
tickle
tickle
Kyaaaa!
has just gotta learn to shuuuuhe!

BUT NOBODY STARTED IN 0048
THERE GOES YUUKO, BEING ALL CREEPY.
HHAAAAA STOP IIIIT!
ARE YOU OK, FUREA?
pant
pant
EVERYONE
IS BORN WITH A STAR INSIDE OF THEM,
WITH A SHINING STAR.
B-
but you're all so beau-tiful!
YOU THINK SO?

AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THAT,
YOU CAN BE THE BEST!

grip
LOOK-ING FOR THEIR OWN STAR.
I WON-DER...
Come by again!
BOW
MAYBE EVERY-ONE
Ok audition group 7 let's go!
shoujotachi yo-d
IS LOOK-ING...
WHAT?!
YOUR TURN LOOKS GREAT!
That one part now was pretty
WOW, FUREA,

BU... BUT...
STOP THAT CRYING, YOU!
Th-
Thank...
whoosh
NOA'S NEVER PRAISED ME BEFORE!
Let's do our best
at the audition!
YEAH!

SUCCESSION AUDITION AUDITORIUM
GROUP 7!
SO, NEXT IS
YES!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!
HERE GOES.
th-thump
I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!
grip
1st

WHICH ONE IS THE BRIGHTEST?
THE FLEETING STARS IN THE SKY
...THAT ONE IS A RARE BLOSSOM.
AND YET...?
SHE'S SO ENERGETIC!
NOA!
AND ME TOO...!

I'M GONNA THROW ALL THE SAD THINGS AWAY
spin
AH.
DID I JUST TURN ALONG WITH EVERY-ONE?!
I DID IT...!

IT'S THAT WEIRD CREATURE!
waft
AH.
HM...
SFX- SPARKLE
HYAA...
WAH...

TOTAL DE-STRUC-TION
SIL
ENCE
...
LIM...
GET UP

NOA!
NOA.
UM.. I'M SO-
FUREA.
YOU KNEW I WAS GOING TO BE SELECTED, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHY YOU GOT IN THE WAY, RIGHT?
NO-

FUREA, I HATE YOU!
I'M
DONE.
EVEN IF I BECOME A STAR.
PIOd
PIOd

I'M A STAR
THAT WILL NEVER SHINE.
NOA...
I'M SO SORRY...

WAFT
MYUU
Huh?
ARE YOU SORRY YOU MADE ME TRIP?
IT'S OK, DON'T WORRY.
MYUU
MYUU
OH... IT'S YOU
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO QUIT.
THAT'S WHY...
Myuu
!

OH
THAT'S RIGHT, THE AUDITIONS ARE STILL GOING.
BUT NOT OTHERS?
WHY IS IT THAT
WE SEE SOME STARS
FOR THEIR LIGHT TO REACH US?
ARE THEY TOO FAR AWAY..

I WANT TO KNOW THE REASON.
OR IS IT THE CLOUDS?
IF YOUR LIGHT ISN'T GOING RIGHT
AND YOU'RE
IMPATIENT AND ANXIOUS
I'LL HELP YOU ON
WAFT

SFX- SHINING
AND THROW AWAY ALL THE SAD THINGS
DON'T GIVE UP ON ANYTHING
!
THE DAWN WILL COME SOON
YOUR DREAM FUTURE IS BEGIN-NING.

I WONDER...IF IT'S STILL OK TO TRY...
RUN WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH...
I... STILL WANT TO DO MY BEST...

beep
■STOP
THIS IS THE END OF THE AUDITION TAPES.
WHO SHALL BE THE NEXT-
LI...
...LIGHT ...
!
WHA.
IT CAN'T BE...
SU...
SUC... CEDE...

MORNING ASSEMBLY AND I OVERSLEPT!
GAH!
SFX- DASH
don't know what I'm talking about
THAT LIGHT...
WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP WITH YOUR LIGHT LIKE YESTERDAY?
DANG IT, YOU WERE AROUND....
I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...
Amitonium
sneak
sneak
NOW THEN,
THANK GOODNESS THEY'RE NOT TAKING ATTENDANCE.
CHAIRMAN TOMISAKI HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU ALL.

I WANT TO TRY ALONGSIDE HER.
AFTER THE ASSEMBLY, I'LL GO APOLOGIZE TO NOA AGAIN.
ONCE MORE.
REGARDING YESTERDAY'S AUDITIONS,
0048 HAS DECIDED
ON WHO IS TO SUCCEED MAEDA AKKO.
Shuk
Shuk
...
IT'S TOTALLY GONNA BE NOA!
UM...
WHO?!
WHAT?! INCREDIBLE! A NEW ACCHAN!

OF
CLASS 68
HOSHINA
FUREA!

WHA...?
WAS THAT MY NAME...?
WASN'T THAT THE GIRL FROM THE OTHER DAY?
...HUH ...?
chatter
chatter
WHO?
HO-SHINA SUMTH-IN?
WHO'S THAT?
HMMM? WAS THAT HER NAME?
THEY CAN'T MEAN...ME, RIGHT?
LISTEN THE FIRST TIME!
I REPE-AT.
HOSHINA FUREA,

YOU ARE NOW THE 12TH GENERATION MAEDA AKKO.
I...
I'M
ACCHAN ?!

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